



Richard Brooks Gray

December 4, 1941 - December 18, 2021

Retired U.S Army MSGT Richard Brooks Gray passed away on December 18, 2021. He was born December 4, 1941, in Muscatine, Iowa. He was the son of Richard William Gray and Emma Leona Gray. Richard graduated from Muscatine High School in 1959, joining the U.S Army where he served 20 years, and retired as MSGT E-8. He served four overseas tours including Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 as a medic.

He is survived by his beautiful wife Jewel Gray; his children Mark Gray (Tara) of Pensacola FL, Toni Carter (Mike) of Panama City FL, Tracy Martin (Bill) of Horton AL, Jill Gray of Horton AL; siblings Larry Gray (Janet) of Lexington NC; Karen Martin (Tim) of Muscatine IA; nine grandchildren Caleb, Ryan, Taylor, Molly, Jason, Beau, Tasha, Kayla, and CT; 16 great-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces.

Richard graduated from Cornell College in Iowa with a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration and a Master's in Business. He began working with private companies that provided health care for inmates, along with working for the Department of Corrections. Serving as Program Administrator for Health Services, and at the Contract Section of the Purchasing Department. Richard retired from the Department of Corrections in 2005.

He was a devoted fan of the University of Alabama football team. He loved Tallahassee where he and his wife lived for over 30 years. He especially enjoyed the friendship of his neighbors and friends on Pimlico Drive. He and his wife, Jewel, loved bowling together. Richard enjoyed going to Greyhound

Dog Racing, loved his Crimson Tide, Bear Bryant, and Nick Saban. “ROLL TIDE”

Jared A. Padgett of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall

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“ One memory stands out for me,we lived in Germany,and my Mom's friend's daughter was getting married.They were getting married in one of the Castles there,and they are beautiful.Anyway,they asked me to be the flower girl.The memory is Mr and my Daddy was dancing ,but I was standing on his feet.I kinda felt like a princess in a castle, I was 5 years old.They made me a dress of blue velvet and lace.I still have the dress.50 years old. It was sweet.

Jill Gray Daughter of Richard Gray - January 14, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ I met Richard at DC when he worked in Health Services, then got to know him well when he worked in Contacts doing health service contracts. He always enjoyed joining all the girls for lunch, especially at the Catfish Pas. I still remember some of the jokes he told and practical pranks he played on us! He was a true gentleman, and will be missed.

Elaine Atwood

Elaine Atwood - December 21, 2021 at 07:48 AM